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FOR: PRODUCTION PROCESS OF OPTICALLY PURE 2-(4-HYDROXYPHENOXY)-PROPIONIC COMPOUNDS

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER RULE 111(a)

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed December 22, 2006, kindly enter the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Specification - None

Amendments to the Claims - begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings - N/A

Remarks/Arguments - begin on page 4 of this paper.